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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Kindly enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the
above-identified application:

In the Title:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

FUEL REFORMER

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 4 to read as follows (a copy of the amended claims showing the additions and deletions appears at the end for the Examiner's convenience):

4. The fuel reformer according to claim 1, wherein a portion where raw fuel introduced from a raw fuel inlet of the reformer and steam come into contact with is composed of said material.

Please add the following new claims 6-9:

6. The fuel reformer according to claim 2, wherein a portion where raw fuel introduced from a raw fuel inlet of the reformer and steam come into contact with is composed of said material.

7. The fuel reformer according to claim 3, wherein a portion where raw fuel introduced from a raw fuel inlet of the reformer and steam come into contact with is composed of said material.

8. The fuel reformer according to claim 6, wherein a portion where raw fuel introduced from a raw fuel inlet of the reformer

and steam come into contact with and which is a heated portion is composed of said material.

9. The fuel reformer according to claim 7, wherein a portion where raw fuel introduced from a raw fuel inlet of the reformer and steam come into contact with and which is a heated portion is composed of said material.

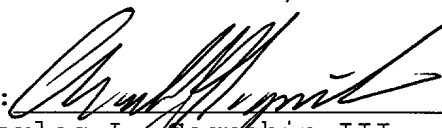
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment puts the claims into proper form for examination. Note that claim 4 has been amended to avoid multiple dependencies; new claims 6-9 have been added; and claims 1-3 and 5 remain unchanged. Kindly calculate the filing fee based on the amended claims.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Red-lined claims for the Examiner's convenience:

4. The fuel reformer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3,~~ wherein a portion where raw fuel introduced from a raw fuel inlet of the reformer and steam come into contact with is composed of said material.